

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1198803

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2022-05-03

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO, TO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, STOKE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF ENGLAND AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE, ARE: · THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FOOD, ITEMS, SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.· THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND MENTORING TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS.· THE PREVENTION OF CRIME FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY UNDERTAKING PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES WITHIN COMMUNITIES LOCATED IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION DESIGNED TO REDUCE LEVELS OF CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Activities: - The relief of those in need, or other disadvantage through the provision of food, items, services and support to individuals in need.- The preservation and protection of good mental health and wellbeing to support children and families from socially and economically disadvantage.- The prevention of crime for the public benefit to reduce levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£175,936	£182,797	-	-
2024-04-05	£88,967	£48,592	-	-
2023-04-05	£4,684	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andy Quinn		2026-03-31
Charles Anthony Palmer		2026-04-01
David Thomas Walsh		2026-03-31
KIRK GIBBONS		2022-10-14

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5TH APRIL 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1198803

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or

*the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

07/02/2026

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K. L. NEEDHAM FMAAT AATQB

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Early Intervention
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Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 5th April 2025

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Management Committee

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Trustee (**Ben Rigby**)

Trustee(**Kirk Gibbons**)

Trustee(**Loku Char**)

Management Team

Organisational Lead (**David Walsh**)

Head of Service (**Gerome Palmer**)

Lead Youth Practitioner (**Mim Bligh**)

Lead Family Support Practitioner (**Samantha Rhodes**)

Purpose and aims

Supporting Communities is a dedicated charity focused on meeting the needs of at-risk individuals, young people, and their families. Our guiding principle is "Early intervention is prevention," emphasising the importance of timely support for all young people. Our mission is to relieve the burdens of poverty, enhance mental health and well-being, and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people and their families entering local authority services. Committed to establishing and sustaining high-quality youth and family support, we aim to build the resilience of families and create opportunities for young people to thrive.

We provide the following services:

Youth Support:

Our Youth Support Services offer bespoke 1-1 interventions for young people aged 11-19 (up to age 25 for SEND) to encourage, inspire and promote behavioural management, social and emotional support, and decision-making strategies for individuals to reach their full potential. We strive for young people to excel academically, socially, and personally whilst considering contextual safeguarding factors to deliver support in the appropriate environments best suited to the young persons' needs. This support will lie in the community or educational setting.

- Educational Mentoring
- Community Mentoring
- Post 16 transition Support
- Emotional Wellbeing Support
- Targeted interventions
- Group Workshop Support

Family Support:

Our Family Support Services cater to children aged 0-11 and their parents/guardians, offering personalised assistance through 1:1 or group sessions in community or educational settings. Embracing a holistic approach, we tackle challenges including mental health, parenting struggles, domestic abuse, and financial hardships. Additionally, we conduct home welfare checks and provide professional communication support, along with aiding in essential paperwork. With our Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family approach, we promptly identify at-risk families and deliver tailored support.

- 1:1 Family Support
- Group Family Support
- Emotional Wellbeing Support
- Documentation Support
- Professional Communication Support

Community Support

Our community support team operates various programmes, including detached youth work, mobile youth provision, and outreach initiatives. These efforts aim to engage with young people where they are, creating positive relationships and providing guidance. Additionally, we deliver group sessions designed to support individuals at risk, addressing concerns such as poverty, health issues, social challenges, crime prevention, and overall well-being. Our goal is to create safe spaces within the community where people feel welcomed, supported and offer pathways of support when needed.

- Detached Youth Work
- Outreach Services
- Mobile Youth Bus Provision
- Targeted Community Interventions

- Group Wellbeing Sessions
- Group Family Sessions

Mission

We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people and their families entering local authority services. We are committed to building and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision.

Vision:

To establish safe spaces and support networks for at-risk individuals, young people, and their families.

Motto

“Early intervention is prevention.”

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Chairperson's Message

As we celebrate the close of our third year at Supporting Communities, I am proud of the incredible growth and impact we have achieved together. What began as a shared belief in the power of community has grown into a movement transforming lives daily.

This past year has been our most successful yet. Thanks to the unwavering support of our funders, partners, volunteers, and team members, we have expanded our reach and deepened our impact across the communities we serve. We have delivered more programmes, supported more individuals and families, and built stronger partnerships with local organisations who share our vision for a fairer, more connected society.

We have tackled pressing issues such as mental health, social isolation, and educational barriers. Our work has not only provided immediate help but has also laid stronger foundations for lasting change. Through resilience, innovation, and collaboration, Supporting Communities has become a trusted source of support and hope for many.

We remain committed to building a community where everyone is valued, supported, and empowered to thrive. Our progress over these three years gives me great confidence that, with your continued belief in our mission, we will achieve even greater things.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey. Your support and passion fuel everything we do, and we are shaping a brighter, more inclusive future together.

With sincere gratitude,

Ross Podyma – Chairperson, Supporting Communities

Directors Message

Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely proud of how far we have come as a charity. Our third year has been filled with incredible growth, innovation, and achievement.

This year, we have strengthened our foundations and expanded our impact more than ever. Thanks to the incredible support of our funders, including the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the National Lottery Community Fund, and the Million Hours project, we have reached more individuals, young people, and families than at any point in our history. Their belief in our mission has been instrumental in helping us extend our services to those who need us most.

One of the standout successes of the year has been the continued development of our award-winning mobile service, which has allowed us to break down barriers to access by taking vital support directly into communities. This innovative approach has expanded our reach and received recognition for its impact and creativity.

Another significant milestone was the kickstart of our exciting national project in partnership with BBC Children in Need and McDonald's. This collaboration has amplified our detached youth work efforts, creating meaningful opportunities for young people and bringing national attention to our local work.

Alongside these achievements, we have also seen the significant growth of our team. We have welcomed passionate new staff members who bring fresh ideas, energy, and dedication to our work, helping us to broaden our services and deepen our impact. Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement and determination. The commitment, drive, and heart of everyone at Supporting Communities will continue to fuel our journey as we create even more opportunities, tackle inequalities, and build a brighter, more inclusive future.

It is a privilege to serve alongside such an inspiring team, and I am confident that we will continue to achieve remarkable things together.

Here's to the future and the difference we will continue to make together.

Warm regards,

David Walsh – Director of Operations, Supporting Communities

Executive Summary

As Supporting Communities celebrates the success of our third year, we are proud to reflect on a period of significant growth, innovation, and community impact. Thanks to our funders' vital support, we have reached over 2,000 participants across the county, delivering personalised 1:1 support, group programmes, and outreach initiatives that have empowered families, young people, and individuals facing a range of challenges.

One of our proudest achievements this year has been the delivery of our award-winning mobile service, covering communities across the county. This innovative approach has broken down barriers to access, taking much-needed support directly into neighbourhoods and providing a flexible, responsive service that meets people where they are.

We have strengthened and expanded our support for refugees, responding to the Ukraine crisis by offering tailored mental health support, resilience-building sessions, and wellbeing training to families and individuals settling in our communities.

Our reach and impact have been made possible through a growing network of partnerships and the generous backing of key funders, including local authorities, the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the National Lottery Community Fund, BBC Children in Need, and the Community Foundation. Their investment in our work has helped us to innovate, scale our services, and forge new pathways for those we support.

This year also marked exciting new opportunities, including our contribution to a national detached youth work initiative in partnership with BBC Children in Need and McDonald's.

Through this, we have not only strengthened our local offer but have played a role in shaping youth work practice at a national level.

In addition to our operational successes, Supporting Communities was honoured to be named a finalist for two prestigious charity awards, recognising our team's unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and community impact.

As we look to the future, we remain firmly committed to driving positive change, breaking down barriers, and creating a brighter, more inclusive future for all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our funders, partners, staff, volunteers, and the communities we work alongside.

Mission and Vision

Mission

We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health and well-being, and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people, and their families entering local authority services. We are committed to building and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision.

Vision

To establish safe spaces and support networks for at-risk individuals, young people, and their families.

Delivering Our Mission and Vision This Year

This year, Supporting Communities has made significant strides in realising its mission and vision by expanding its services and strengthening key partnerships.

We have grown our offer through targeted services such as our award-winning **Mobile Outreach Service**, which has brought vital youth and family support directly into neighbourhoods across the county, removing barriers to access and ensuring help is available to those who need it most. Thanks to projects funded by the **National Lottery Community Fund**, **Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner**, and the **Million Hours Fund**, we have delivered over 2,000 meaningful interventions, supporting families to alleviate the pressures of poverty and helping young people find positive pathways.

Our mental health and well-being initiatives have also expanded significantly. Through our Helping Hands project and partnerships with local authorities and refugee support networks, we have provided tailored mental health support to Ukrainian and Afghan families, helping individuals build resilience and settle into their new communities with dignity and support.

To tackle the risks young people face, we launched a national detached youth work programme in collaboration with **BBC Children in Need** and **McDonald's**. This initiative has enabled us to engage young people in safe, supportive spaces, providing alternatives to anti-social behaviour and early intervention support that reduces the likelihood of entry into the criminal justice system.

Internally, we have invested heavily in staff development to maintain the high quality of our youth and family services. Our team has grown, bringing in new expertise to strengthen our counselling, mentoring, and educational support work, ensuring that everything we deliver remains evidence-based and community-driven.

Our proactive approach extends beyond crisis intervention. We have delivered educational workshops, skills development programmes, and community events designed to equip families and young people with the tools they need for long-term success. By offering practical life skills, employment pathways, and positive role models, we are helping young people build confidence and resilience for the future.

Through these expanded services and dynamic partnerships, Supporting Communities has stayed true to our mission and vision, creating safe spaces, fostering strong support networks, and helping individuals and families to overcome challenges, grow stronger, and thrive.

Programme Highlights

Over the past year, Supporting Communities has made significant strides towards realising our mission of alleviating poverty, improving mental health and well-being, and reducing the number of at-risk young people and families entering local authority services. Thanks to the hard work of our team, our valued partners, and the critical support of our funders, we have expanded our reach and impact across the county.

This year alone:

- We engaged over **1,000 participants**
- We delivered more than **1,700 hours of 1:1 support**
- We facilitated over **300 group sessions**, totalling **1,200 hours**
- We operated across more than **40 locations**
- We organised over **40 trips and positive activities**

Youth Support – 1,700+ Hours of 1:1 Intervention

Our Youth Support Services have provided over 1,700 hours of bespoke 1:1 interventions for young people aged 11–19 (up to 25 for SEND), inspiring positive behavioural change, emotional resilience, and strong decision-making. We deliver support in both educational settings and community environments, always placing young people's safety and well-being at the centre of our work.

Family Support – Holistic Assistance Across 40+ Locations

Through our Family Support Services, we have extended targeted help to children aged 0–11 and their parents/carers across more than 40 communities. Using our "Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family" model, we have addressed mental health challenges, parenting difficulties, domestic abuse, and financial hardship, offering personalised support through 1:1 sessions, group work, and home welfare checks.

Training and Support – Building Skills and Resilience

We have delivered a wide range of training and support sessions, including skills development workshops, education sessions, and vocational training. By equipping families and young people with practical tools and knowledge, we have contributed to building a more resilient, empowered community ready to face the future.

Warm Space and Family Stay and Play – Strengthening Families through 300+ Group Sessions

Through our Warm Space and Family Stay and Play initiatives, we facilitated over 300 group sessions, totalling 1,200 hours of engagement. These welcoming spaces have enabled families to connect, learn, play, and access support, building community resilience and reducing social isolation.

Mobile Youth Bus – Expanding Reach Across the County

Our award-winning Mobile Youth Bus has brought vital services directly into communities, reaching hundreds of young people who may otherwise be disconnected from support. It has served as a mobile hub for recreational activities, educational workshops, and mental health support, ensuring accessibility for all.

Detached Youth Work – Reaching the Unreached

Through our Detached Youth Work programme, we have maintained a strong presence in neighbourhoods, streets, and parks, building relationships with young people in their own environments. Our outreach approach has enabled early intervention, offered pathways to positive activities, and helped to prevent crisis situations before they develop.

Trips and Positive Activities – 40+ Events Organised

Recognising the importance of enrichment and positive experiences, we organised over 40 trips and activities throughout the year. These experiences have provided young people and families with opportunities to build confidence, strengthen relationships, and create lasting memories.

Financial Summary

In the accounting year, Supporting Communities Charity recorded a total income of just Under 176k. We express our gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters for their invaluable contributions to our financial resilience and ability to make a positive difference in the lives of those we support.

Funding & Grants		
Funder	Total Funding	2024/2025 Payment
BBC Children In Need - Core Funding	£28,690.00	£14,990.00
Community Foundation Staffordshire - Ukrainian Support Project - Staffordshire	£9,610.00	£9,610.00
Toy Trust	£1000.00	£1000.00
Sporting Communities (Partnership Grants) Mobile Youth Services and Detached Youth Work	£70665.00	£57165.00
Derbyshire Community Foundation - Youth Support Services	£12360.00	£12360.00
Community Action Derby-Referral Services	£3400.00	£3400.00
Police and Crime Commissioner	£5000.00	£2500.00
Derby City Council - Wellbeing Services	£20,000.00	£5000.00
National Lottery Community - Youth Sessions - Derbyshire	£87,174.98	£50809.76
Total	£237899.98	£156834.76

Donations & Fundraising	
Donations & Fundraising Events	£4359.86
Total	£4359.86

Sales & Other Income	
Sales	£14606.07
Other Income	£135.62
Total	£14741.69

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Revenue Categories	Amount
Donations & Fundraising Events	£4359.86
Grants	£156834.76
Sales	£14606.07
Other Income/Miscellaneous	£135.62
Total Revenue	£175936.31

Expenses

Expense Categories	Amount
Equipment	£4675.49
Insurance and Tax	£1319.34
Wages	£126044.59
Training	£1198.68
Advertising (incl. website)	£6732.52
Project Costs (incl. Refreshments)	£33849.64
Misc (incl. Phones and DBS)	£8976.56
Total Expenses	£182796.82

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

	Amount
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-£6860.51

	Amount
Restricted Funds	£156834.76
Unrestricted Funds	£19101.55

	Amount
Balance carried into 2025/2026	£36,422.53

Balance Sheet

Assets	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	£36,422.53	Current Liabilities	£36,422.53
Fixed Assets	£8000.00	Long-term Liabilities	£0
Total Assets	£44422.53	Total Liabilities	£36,422.53
Net Assets	£8000.00		

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Categories	Amount
Cash from Operating Activities	£182796.82
Cash from Investing Activities	£0.00
Cash from Financing Activities	£0.00
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	-£6860.51

Future Outlook

As Supporting Communities moves into our fourth year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. This next chapter marks a significant milestone for us, as we take the important step of operating from our very own building, a dedicated space that will serve as a hub for our expanding services, community engagement, and long-term growth.

The recent boost in funding we have secured is a strong endorsement of the care, resilience, and impact we have demonstrated through challenging times. Being recognised as finalists for two prestigious charity awards further highlights our commitment to excellence and innovation in everything we do.

In our fourth year, we are focused on building upon the strong foundations we have laid. The additional resources now available to us will enable us to enhance our programmes, expand our family and youth support services, and increase our capacity to address mental health and well-being needs. We are excited to introduce new workshops, skill-building activities, and outreach initiatives to connect with even more individuals and families who need our support.

The move into our own premises also opens up new possibilities for developing sustainable income streams. We are actively exploring innovative ways to generate revenue while remaining firmly rooted in our mission, ensuring that our work continues to thrive for years to come.

Inclusion remains central to everything we do. We are forming new partnerships with community organisations to ensure our support reaches even more diverse and underserved groups, breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for all.

Alongside service development, we are strengthening our fundraising strategy by participating in events, applying for new grants, and launching campaigns that will secure our financial resilience and help us extend our reach even further.

To our funders, partners, staff, volunteers, and supporters — thank you. Your belief in our work has brought us to this exciting point. As we move into our fourth year and a new home for Supporting Communities, we look forward to the incredible impact we can continue to make together.

Here's to a future filled with opportunity, growth, and lasting change.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
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On accounts for the year ended

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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: K. L. Needham

Date: 30/10/2024

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Chairperson's Message



As we mark the second year of our journey at Supporting Communities, I am humbled by the immense progress we have achieved together. Our core belief in the power of community and collaboration continues to drive us forward.

Over the past year, amidst the challenges we've faced, the unwavering support of funders and partners. It is with great pleasure that I announce the remarkable strides we've made in our mission to uplift and empower those in need. Through the dedication of our passionate team, Supporting Communities has expanded its reach to serve even more individuals and families. We've forged meaningful partnerships with local organisations and received vital support from grant providers who share our vision of creating a better tomorrow for all.

Together, we've tackled pressing issues such as mental health, and educational disparities head-on. Our programmes have not only provided immediate assistance but have also laid the groundwork for long-term sustainable solutions. As we look ahead to the future, our commitment remains steadfast.

We envision a community where every individual is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive. With your continued support and the collaborative spirit that defines us, I am confident that we will continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, your belief in our cause fuels our passion and propels us toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ross Podyma - Chairperson, Supporting Communities

Directors Message

Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely proud of the strides we've made as a charity.

Throughout the year, we've launched several new projects, created new partnerships, and extended our reach to support more individuals than ever before. Each initiative has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

One highlight of our year has been our involvement in a national campaign for detached youth work, in collaboration with BBC Children in Need and McDonald's. This partnership has allowed us to amplify our efforts and create meaningful opportunities for young people across the country.

As we look to the future, I am filled with excitement and determination. Our collective dedication and passion will continue to drive us forward as we strive to make an even greater impact on the wider community. Together, we have the power to create positive change and build a brighter future for all.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside everyone in our team, and I am confident that together, we will achieve remarkable things.

Here's to the future and the difference we will make together.

Warm regards,
David Walsh - Director of Operations, Supporting Communities

Executive Summary

Over the past year, Supporting Communities Charity has achieved significant milestones in enhancing our community's well-being. Through personalised 1:1 support, we've empowered



families and young individuals, addressing a spectrum of needs and fostering personal growth.

Our efforts have reached over 1600 individuals, engaging them through tailored sessions. In response to the Ukraine crisis, we've expanded our mental health support and training to refugees, providing a nurturing environment for healing and resilience-building.

Excitingly, we've secured various projects and grants, forging partnerships with esteemed entities like local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation, and the National Lottery. These collaborations fortify our capacity for innovation and amplify our societal impact.

In addition, we're proud to share that Supporting Communities was recognised as a finalist for two prestigious charity awards, acknowledging our commitment to excellence and innovation in our field.

As we celebrate these achievements, we extend heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, invaluable partners, and our committed team. Looking forward, Supporting Communities is steadfast in our commitment to catalysing positive change in the lives of those we serve. Moreover, we're proud to have contributed to national initiatives alongside esteemed partners such as McDonald's and BBC Children in Need.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8cPcZGFE9s>

Supporting Yearly Stats

	Reach	Session	Service	Resource
	Attendances (all people)	Attendances (participants)	Contact hours	Sessions delivered
Supporting Communities				
Supporting Communities	1608	1608	3747.50	135



Mission and Vision

Mission

We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people and their families entering local authority services. We are committed to building and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision.

Vision

To establish safe spaces and support networks for at-risk individuals, young people, and their families.

Supporting Communities has worked towards its mission and vision through a variety of targeted initiatives and strategic efforts. In alignment with our mission to keep the needs of young people and their families, we have implemented comprehensive programmes to alleviate the multifaceted pressures of poverty. Through financial assistance, educational support, and community engagement, we have actively worked to uplift families facing economic challenges.

Our dedication to improving mental health and well-being is evident in the various mental health support programmes and counselling services we have initiated. By providing accessible and stigma-free mental health resources, we aim to contribute to the overall well-being of the communities we serve. Our commitment to reducing the number of young people entering the criminal justice system is reflected in proactive outreach efforts, mentorship programmes, and community partnerships that offer alternatives and support to at-risk youth.

In pursuit of our vision to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive, Supporting Communities has prioritised the creation of a high-quality youth and family support provision. We have consistently invested in staff training, resources, and community collaborations to ensure that our programmes are effective, evidence-based, and responsive to the community's evolving needs.

Furthermore, our engagement with families and young people extends beyond crisis intervention to proactive measures that empower individuals. Through educational workshops, skill-building programmes, and community events, we aim to create an environment where families are equipped with the tools to navigate challenges and young people have diverse opportunities for personal and academic growth.

Supporting Communities has been working diligently towards its mission and vision by implementing targeted programmes, fostering community partnerships, and ensuring high-quality support services. Our ongoing commitment to innovation and adaptability allows us to address the unique needs of each family and young person, contributing to the realisation of our vision to strengthen resilience and promote thriving opportunities.

Programme Highlights

**Youth Support:**

Our Youth Support Services offer bespoke 1-1 interventions for young people aged 11-19 (up to age 25 for SEND) to encourage, inspire and promote behavioural management, social and emotional support, and decision-making strategies for individuals to reach their full potential. We strive for young people to excel academically, socially, and personally whilst considering contextual safeguarding factors to deliver support in the appropriate environments best suited to the young persons' needs. This support will lie in the community or educational setting.

Family Support:

Our Family Support Services cater to children aged 0-11 and their parents/guardians, offering personalised assistance through 1:1 or group sessions in community or educational settings. Embracing a holistic approach, we tackle challenges including mental health, parenting struggles, domestic abuse, and financial hardships. Additionally, we conduct home welfare checks and provide professional communication support, along with aiding in essential paperwork. With our Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family approach, we promptly identify at-risk families and deliver tailored support.

Training and Support:

Supporting Communities is committed to providing training and support services to both families and young people. Our programmes include skills development workshops, educational training sessions, and vocational training opportunities. By enhancing the capabilities of individuals, we contribute to building a more resilient community.

Warm Space and Family Stay and Play:

Our Warm Space and Family Stay and Play initiatives create welcoming environments for families to connect, learn, and grow together. These programmes offer a range of activities, including play sessions for children, educational workshops for parents, and a supportive space for families to share experiences. Building a sense of community is at the heart of these initiatives.

Mobile Youth Bus:

The Mobile Youth Bus is a dynamic outreach programme that brings our services directly to young people in various communities. This mobile unit serves as a hub for recreational activities, educational workshops, and counselling services. By reaching young people where they are, we aim to enhance accessibility and engagement in a way that suits their needs.

Detached Youth Work:

Our Detached Youth Work programme is dedicated to reaching young people in their own environments. Through street-based outreach, our team builds connections, provides information, and offers support to those who may not access traditional services. This approach ensures inclusivity and meets the diverse needs of the youth population. These programmes collectively embody our mission to alleviate the pressures of poverty, enhance mental health, and provide high-quality support to families and young people. By offering a range of services that address various aspects of well-being, Supporting Communities strives to create a positive and lasting impact on the communities we serve.

Empowering Women and Girls Through Active Living

At Supporting Communities, we are proud to spotlight our initiative aimed at empowering women and girls to embrace and lead active lifestyles. Recognising the numerous benefits that physical activity brings, our programme is designed to break down barriers, create inclusivity, and inspire a positive change in the lives of women and girls in our community. Through targeted activities, workshops, and community events, we create a supportive environment where women and girls can explore various forms of physical activity. From fitness classes and sports events to wellness seminars, our programme offers a diverse range of opportunities tailored to individual preferences and interests.



Financial Summary

In the accounting year, Supporting Communities Charity recorded a total income of just 90k. We express our gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters for their invaluable contributions to our financial resilience and ability to make a positive difference in the lives of those we support.

Funding & Grants		
Funder	Total Funding	2023/2024 Payment
BBC Children In Need - Core Funding	£28,690.00	£13,700.00
Community Foundation Staffordshire - Ukrainian Support Project - Staffordshire	£9,802.00	£9,802.00
National Lottery Community Fund - Youth Sessions - Amber Valley	£9,802.00	£9,834.00
Erewash Borough Council - Youth Sessions - Erewash	£2,530.00	£2,530.00
Sporting Communities (Partnership Grant) Referral Services	£3000.00	£3000.00
Derby City Council - Wellbeing Services	£20,000.00	£15,000.00
National Lottery Community - Youth Sessions - Derbyshire	£87,174.98	£11,222.70
National Lottery Community - Youth Support and Referral Services	£19,878.00	£19,878.00
Tesco Groundwork	£1000.00	£1000.00
Derby City Council - Bus Sessions	£3000.00	£3000.00
Total	£184,876.98	£88,966.70



Donations & Fundraising	
Donations	£0.00
Fundraising Events	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Sales & Other Income	
Sales	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Revenue Categories	Amount
Donations	£0.00
Grants	£88966.70
Fundraising Events	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00
Total Revenue	£88966.70

Expenses



Expense Categories	Amount
Project Costs	£6,466.69
Staffing Costs	£38,736.93
Fundraising Costs, Advertisement ect..	£690.61
Insurance	£131.04
Other Expenses, Training, Misc ect..	£2,566.26
Total Expenses	£48591.53

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

	Amount
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£40375.17

	Amount
Restricted Funds	£88966.70
Unrestricted Funds	£0.00

Balance Sheet

Assets	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	£44,963.79	Current Liabilities	£44,963.79
Fixed Assets	£0.00	Long-term Liabilities	£0.00
Total Assets	£44,963.79	Total Liabilities	£44,963.79
Net Assets	£0.00		

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Categories	Amount
Cash from Operating Activities	£88,966.70
Cash from Investing Activities	£0.00
Cash from Financing Activities	£0.00
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	£40,279.79

Future Outlook



As we get ready for the new year, Supporting Communities Charity is excited about what's coming up. We're really thankful for the recent boost in funding we've received, which shows how we've been careful with money and tough times. It's also cool that we were picked as finalists for two big charity awards. This shows how much we care about doing a great job.

In our second year, we're planning to make our programmes even better. With the extra money, we want to help families more, do more stuff for young people, and improve how we support people's mental health. We're going to start new workshops and activities to teach useful skills and reach out to more people who need our help. Also, we're creating some new programs that will help us make money in smart ways, so we can keep going strong in the long run.

Making sure everyone feels included is super important to us. So, we're teaming up with new groups to make sure our help is available to more people, especially those who might not get enough attention.

Besides being careful with money, we're also doing more to raise funds. We're joining in on different events and asking for grants to help us grow. We think these efforts will not only make us financially stronger but also allow us to help even more families and young folks who need us.

To everyone who supports us – thank you! Your help means the world to us, and we're excited to keep making a positive impact together. As we head into the next year, let's keep looking forward to all the good things we can do together.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1198803

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5TH APRIL 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1198803

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 28/11/2023

Name:

K. L. NEEDHAM FMAAT AATQB

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Early Intervention is
Prevention

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 5th April 2023

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Management Committee

Chair (**Ross Podyma**)

Trustee (**Ben Rigby**)

Trustee(**Kirk Gibbons**)

Trustee(**Loku Char**)

Management Team

Organisational Lead (**David Walsh**)

Lead Youth Worker (**Mim Bligh**)

Lead Family Support Worker (**Samantha Rhodes**)

Purpose and aims

Supporting Communities is a charity dedicated to supporting the needs of young people and their families. Our motto is 'Early intervention is prevention' as we believe all young people should have the support they need at the right time. We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system. We are



committed to restoring and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision. Our vision is to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive.

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Chairperson's Message

Reflecting on the past year at Supporting Communities, I am filled with gratitude and pride for our incredible strides in fulfilling our mission. Our commitment to "Early intervention is prevention" remains at the heart of everything we do.

I am thrilled to share that, thanks to your unwavering support and the hard work of our dedicated team, Supporting Communities has secured several grants from local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation, and the National Lottery. These grants have been instrumental in empowering us to expand our programmes and reach even more individuals and families in need.

In the face of challenges, our community has shown remarkable resilience. With the support of our generous grant providers, we have worked tirelessly to alleviate the pressures of poverty, enhance mental health, and reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system.

The dedication of our team and the collaborations with our partners have been crucial to the success of our programs. Whether providing crucial family support or creating opportunities for young people to thrive, Supporting Communities remains a beacon of hope and positive change.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the possibilities that the future holds. Our vision to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive remains steadfast. With your continued support and the backing of our grant partners, we aim to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and foster a community where everyone has the support they need at the right time.

Thank you for being an essential part of Supporting Communities. Together, we are making a difference, one family, one young person at a time.

Warm regards,

Ross Podyma
Chairperson, Supporting Communities Charity

Executive Summary

In the past year, Supporting Communities Charity has made remarkable strides in positively impacting our community. Through vital 1:1 support, we have assisted 80 families and young individuals, addressing diverse needs and fostering personal development. Our commitment to reaching young people has seen over 500 individuals engaged through detached youth work, building trust and providing mentorship. In response to the Ukraine crisis, we have extended mental health support and training to refugees, offering a safe space for healing. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of projects and grants, including collaborations with local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation,



and the National Lottery. These partnerships bolster our ability to innovate and broaden our impact. As we reflect on these achievements, we express gratitude to our donors, partners, and our dedicated team. Looking ahead, Supporting Communities is poised to continue being a beacon of positive transformation in the lives of those we serve.

Mission and Vision

Mission

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Vision

Our vision is to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive.

Supporting Communities has steadfastly worked towards its mission and vision through a variety of targeted initiatives and strategic efforts. In alignment with our mission to keep the needs of young people and their families, we have implemented comprehensive programmes to alleviate the multifaceted pressures of poverty. Through financial assistance, educational support, and community engagement, we have actively worked to uplift families facing economic challenges.

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Supporting Communities has been working diligently towards its mission and vision by implementing targeted programmes, fostering community partnerships, and ensuring high-quality support services. Our ongoing commitment to innovation and adaptability allows us to address the unique needs of each family and young person, contributing to the realisation of our vision to strengthen resilience and promote thriving opportunities.

Programme Highlights

Family Support Services:



Our Family Support Services are designed to address the diverse needs of families facing challenges, particularly those related to poverty and well-being. Through targeted interventions, financial assistance, and community resources, we provide a comprehensive support system. Our dedicated team works closely with families to navigate difficulties and strengthen their ability to overcome obstacles.

Youth Support Services:

Our Youth Support Services focus on empowering young individuals to navigate the complexities of adolescence. From mentorship programmes and educational support to mental health resources, we offer a holistic approach to foster personal and academic growth. By creating a safe and supportive environment, we aim to equip young people with the skills and resilience needed to thrive.

Training and Support:

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Financial Summary

In the accounting year, Supporting Communities Charity recorded a total income of just under £5,000. However, it is noteworthy that within a span of a few months, the organisation successfully secured an additional £23,000 in community funding. This substantial increase in



funding was a result of dedicated efforts in grant applications, community partnerships, and engagement with local authorities, exemplifying our commitment to expanding financial resources to further our mission. The newfound community funding positions Supporting Communities to enhance and broaden its impact, ensuring sustained support for the diverse needs of the communities we serve. We express our gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters for their invaluable contributions to our financial resilience and ability to make a positive difference in the lives of those we support.

Sport England Funding

We received £3,965.00 to deliver women and girls sessions to enable them to become more active.

Donations

We received £644.00 from a fundraising event.

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Revenue Categories	Amount
Donations	£644.00
Grants	£3,965.00
Fundraising Events	
Other Income	£75.00
Total Revenue	£4,684.00

Expenses

Expense Categories	Amount
Program Costs	
Administrative Costs	
Fundraising Costs	
Other Expenses	
Total Expenses	£0.00

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

	Amount
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£4,684.00

Balance Sheet



Assets	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	£4,684.00	Current Liabilities	
Fixed Assets		Long-term Liabilities	
Total Assets	£4,684.00	Total Liabilities	£0.00
Net Assets	£4,684.00		

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Categories	Amount
Cash from Operating Activities	£4,609.00
Cash from Investing Activities	£75.00
Cash from Financing Activities	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	£4,684.00

Future Outlook

As we approach the new year, Supporting Communities Charity is not only excited about what's to come but also grateful for the community's recent financial boost, reflecting our resilience and strategic financial planning.

In the next year, we're determined to enhance our programs further. With the new funds, we're gearing up to improve our family support, youth programs, and mental health initiatives. This includes introducing workshops and skill-building activities, and reaching out to more people who may benefit from our support. We have put together a number of programmes which rely more on sales to generate more unrestricted income.

Ensuring inclusivity is a big part of our mission. We're forging partnerships with new organisations to make our services accessible to a wider audience. Our commitment extends to reaching underserved areas that may not receive as much attention.

In addition to careful financial planning, we're actively participating in more fundraising events and have submitted applications for additional grant funding. We believe these efforts will not only strengthen our financial position but also allow us to expand our impact and support more families and young individuals.

To everyone who supports us – thank you! Your contributions are invaluable, and we're eager to continue this journey with you. As we work towards making a positive impact on individuals and families, we invite you to join us in the exciting opportunities the upcoming year holds.